

Husband  
Wife

Yves M

OFFRET

# Man of Many Hobbies Makes Canyon Resort an Interesting Attraction

BM Tourists come to see it, then walk away bewildered. It's a small barrel which constantly pours water out of a spout, but it appears that no water comes in. Where does the water come from?

Beside the fountain there is a place where people can drop a penny, where Mr. Offret collects some 70-80 dollars annually.

## Ribbons At Fair

RD He has done cabinet work and DO has received eight ribbons for his woodwork at the State Fair.

For the resort Mr. Offret built a model train which can carry up to 46 adults.

With his wife he has been constantly busy with various hobbies "keeping life interesting."

Interest of Wildwood, in Provo Canyon, has brought people from the world over, and all though the resort, Y. M. Offret, 83, has set up various art subjects, scientific projects, and just plain interesting scenes.

Constantly working, Mr. Offret claims he now has over 15 hobbies. "There is never a dull moment," he said.

## Self-Educated

Born in Pennsylvania he moved to Colorado, then to Riverbottom, Utah. With a six-grade education, Mr. Offret went into the carpentry profession, and also did many odd jobs, graduating into sand paintings and bark paintings and selling some of them. During the same time, 15 years ago, he has built up a large rock collection.

He makes tumble rocks to sell and with some rocks he has made artistic pictures.

## Song Writer

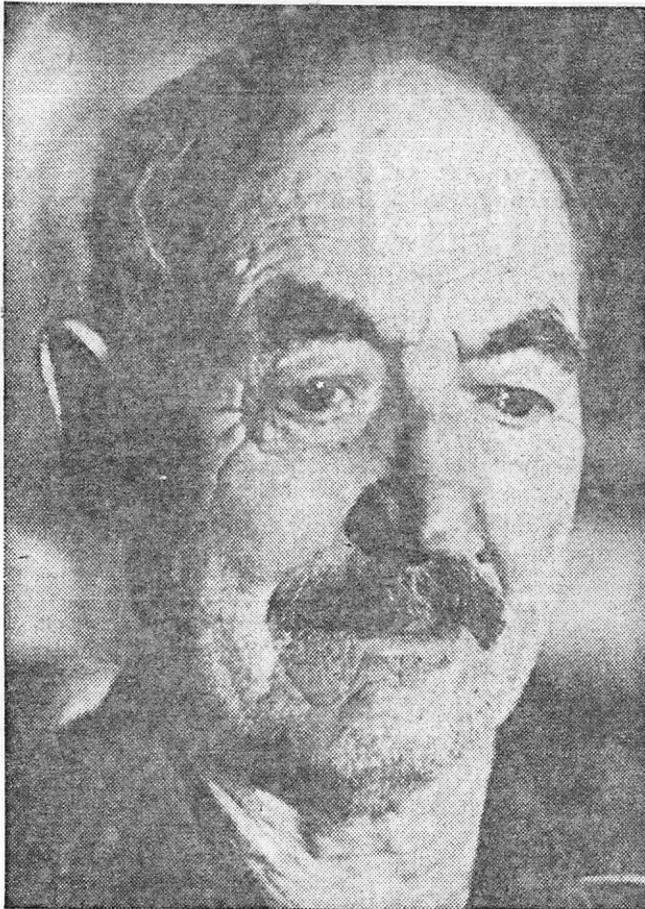
"Music has always interested me," he said. "I have written over 50 songs, and also made two violins."

Also, short story and novel writing are an attraction to him.

At Wildwood he designed and made the Mystery Fountain.

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

Yves also called "Eph"



CHARACTER STUDY of Y. M. Offret, 83-year-old Wildwood hobbyist, made by Ed Scripps of Herald staff during interview.

OTHER MARRIAGES